

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 1-703-872-9306 on January 30, 2004.

Stephanie Hill  
Name (Print)

*Stephanie Hill*  
Signature

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 30 2004

OFFICIAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BROWN et al.	)	
	)	
Application No.: 10/047,440	)	Examiner: BOS, Steven J.
	)	
Filed: January 14, 2002	)	Group Art Unit: 1754
	)	
Docket No.: 542,286CON (3600-226-01)	)	Confirmation No.: 4701

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING NIOBIUM AND TANTALUM COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2004

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before February 6, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.